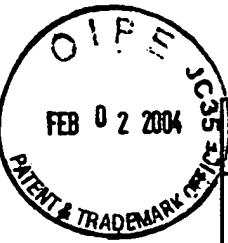


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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) |  | Docket No. (Optional)<br>313632000501 |
|  | In re Application of      Wilhelmus Everhardus HENNINK, et al. |                                       |
|  | Application Number<br>10/020,627                               | Filed<br>December 6, 2001             |
|  | For:      HYDROLYSABLE HYDROGELS FOR CONTROLLED RELEASE        |                                       |
|  | Art Unit<br>1617   | Examiner<br>E. Webman                 |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

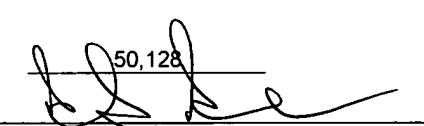
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))  | \$ _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))   | \$ _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))   | \$ _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____ |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.   |           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  |           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.  |           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 03-1952     |           |

I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.

I am the  applicant/inventor.  
 assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
 Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).  
 attorney or agent of record. Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  
 Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) 50,128

January 30, 2004  
Date

(858) 720-7943  
Telephone Number

  
Signature

David L. Devernoe  
Typed or printed name

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Total of 1 forms are submitted. |
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